

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (currently amended) A method of operating a combined on-line  
2 and physical retail store for an on-line shopper, comprising the  
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receiving at a web server an order for an item by an on-line  
shopper;

7 determining via the server ~~an~~ a real time approximate  
8 quantity of the item available for purchase by the on-line  
9 shopper;

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11 adjusting via the server the real time approximate quantity  
12 responsive to a quantity-held estimate of a number of units of  
13 the item held by in-person shoppers who physically removed said  
14 units of the item from inventory prior to checkout by the in-  
15 person shoppers to provide an adjusted quantity;  
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17 comparing via the server the adjusted quantity with a first  
18 threshold; and  
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20 when the adjusted quantity is less than the first threshold,  
21 invoking a corrective action.

22 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the quantity-held  
23 estimate is dependent upon an average number of the item

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